

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance. County Attorney Leigh Morning was absent.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by John Pavey, seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

RUSH COUNTY YOUTH GROUP WORKCAMP

Charles Smith and Chip West of the Rush County Youth Group Workcamp presented a power point detailing objectives of the workcamp that will be held June 13, 2010 to June 19, 2010. The workcamp will involve 400 teenagers and adults throughout the United States. The workers will perform minor home repairs for the elderly, handicap and the less fortunate.

Chip West asked the council to assist in providing the following:

- Rush County homes to repair
- Assistance in Applying for financial assistance grants
- Waive Building permit fees
- Law Enforcement support
- Financial Assistance

West noted that the more funds raised would allow more work to be performed in Rush County.

HEALTH

Dr. Davis Ellis, Health Officer, discussed the proposed 2010 budget. Dr. Ellis explained that the current Assistant Food Sanitarian works approximately 16 to 20 hours weekly. Dr. Ellis asked to take the balance in the Assistant Food Sanitarian and hire another individual to assist the Assistant Food Sanitarian. No move was made by the council

Dr. Ellis updated the council to the H1N1 vaccine. Dr. Ellis reported that the county should receive the vaccine in October.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton asked the council to approve the transfer of \$41,280 from Summer Help (2-203-4-1) into Health Insurance (2-204-1-4)

Sitton reported that the county highway will be billed \$40,000 regarding Orange Pike road damages on Co Rd 225 and Co Rd 350

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported thirty-five (35) inmates currently being housed in the Rush County jail.

Sherwood provided a K-9 update to the council. Sherwood stressed that no tax dollars have been utilized or will be utilized towards the purchase, set-up or upkeep of the K-9 dog. Sherwood outlined the various individuals, organizations, business and grants that have assisted with the dog.

Sherwood reported that a CodeRED test was performed July 22nd. The phone test is designed to deliver 250 calls per minute. It has been discovered that the land lines are not part of the auto notification and may not be a part of the original data base. The CodeRED system does not use the E-911 system.

Sherwood provided a Merit Deputy Retirement plan update to the council. Sherwood noted that July was a good month for the retirement plan.

SURVEYOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, reported that a letter was received from the Rush County Drainage Board asking the County Council to deposit \$500,000 into the General Drain Improvement Fund. No action was taken by the council.

COMMISSIONER

Tom Barnes, Commissioner, reported:

- Discussion with both Judge Northam and Judge Hill regarding the third floor court rooms. A facilities committee is currently being created. A non-matching grant will provide funding assistance.
- Clock Tower Roof bid has been awarded. The \$79,000 contract was awarded to Wellman Brothers Contractors. United Fund/Eli Lilly grant will provide \$55,000 along with insurance reimbursement of \$29,000. \$6,000 of repairs will be made to the third floor ceilings and the attic. Barnes noted that more funding will be needed in the future. Councilman Jerry Kent questioned if a performance bond was required. Barnes reported that yes, a performance bond was required as part of the bid specifications.
- Milroy EMS update was provided. The council was asked to keep the appropriation in the 2010 budget. County Attorney Leigh Morning informed when questioned as to the future of the ambulance, equipment and radios that all materials and equipment is returned to the federal, state or county from which the funding originated. Sherwood reported that the county must continue with the 911 calls. Once the contract has terminated all 911 dispatch will cease
- Carthage Fire Dept has twenty (20) new applications for membership

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

John Mull was appointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

NON-BINDING REVIEW

Non-Binding reviews with no recommendations were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by John Pavey. Motion carried. Taxing units receiving no recommendations: Center Twp, Anderson Twp, Union Twp, Walker Twp, City of Rushville, Town of Carthage, Ripley Twp, Richland Twp, Posey Twp, Noble Twp, Orange Twp, Jackson Twp. Resolutions 2009-2 thru 2009-13 were signed. Discussion was held regarding the proposed wage increases for Rushville and Washington township personnel. Councilman Jerry Kent was absent for the approval and signing of the resolutions.

Non-Binding reviews with recommendations that no wage increase be issued for 2010 were approved on a motion by Bruce Levi, seconded by John Pavey. Motion carried. Resolutions 2009-14 and Resolution 2009-15 were signed for Washington Twp and Rushville Twp. Councilman Jerry Kent was absent for the approval and signing of the resolutions.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by John Pavey. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion, motion carried.

Norman Winkler, Chairman

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